



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Municipal Law Enforcement 1st Quarter Activity Report 2026

Date: Apr. 8, 2026

Report Number: BLE-2026-04

Department: Municipal Law Enforcement

File Number: C11

Prepared By: Heather Falconer, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2026-04 as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

To update the Committee of the Whole on the Municipal Law Enforcement 1st Quarter Activity for 2026 (January 1 to March 31).

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

By-law Occurrences for the 1st Quarter

2026 Data Chart		
Type of Occurrences	Number of Requests for Service	Annual Requests to Date
Animal Control	10	10
Property Maintenance	15	15
Parking Concerns	4	4
Zoning	5	5
Noise	7	7
Roads	2	2
Off Road Vehicle	1	1
Public Nuisances	6	6
Open Air Burning	10	10
Total Occurrences	60	60

NOTE: An "occurrence" is when a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer responds to any complaint (whether it is determined that a by-law violation has occurred or not), or when patrolling and a violation of a by-law has occurred.

Charges

The following chart illustrates the number of charges issued.

2026	Issued this Quarter	Year to Date	Actions Taken
Administrative Monetary Penalties	1	1	Open (0) Closed (1)
Provincial Offence Act (POA) Certificate	0	0	Open (0) Closed (1) previous year
Provincial Offence Act (POA) Parking	1	1	Open (0) Closed (1)
Provincial Offence Act (POA) Information	4	4	Open (4) Closed (1) previous year

The following chart illustrates the type of charge counts and number of charges accounts issued over this period.

Type of Charge	Issued this Quarter	Year to Date
Parking - Park on highway during restricted hours	1	1
Open Air Burning – Burn containing prohibited material	1	1
Animal Control – fail to register dog	2	2
Animal Control – allow dog to run at large	2	2
Animal Control – fail to exercise reasonable precautions with dog	2	2
Kennel Licencing – Fail to obtain licence	2	2
Dog Owners Liability Act – did not exercise reasonable precaution to prevent dog from biting	2	2

Court Activities during this Quarter

On March 3rd, 2026, the Provincial Offences Court heard a Dog Owners Liability charge and a Township Animal Control violation at trial that was initiated in 2025. The result being Township secured a fine of \$2500 plus victim fine surcharge and costs against the Defendant under the Animal Control By-law. A dog control order was issued under the Dog Owners Liability Act, which can be enforceable going forward regardless of jurisdiction.

On March 24, 2026, submissions were made to the Provincial Offences Court over violations of the Animal Control/Kennel Licencing By-law and the Dog Owners Liability Act. The submissions included two separate occurrences with the accused and included a total of ten (10) charge counts. The judicial pre-trial date is scheduled for this May.

Orders Issued

The following chart reflects the number of By-law Orders that were issued.

Type of Order	Issued for this Quarter	Actions Taken
Order to Comply – Property Standards	1	Open (0) Appeal Process (1) Closed (1) from previous year

Public Education Campaigns

The following municipal law enforcement topics were used to engage and educate the public on the department’s areas of enforcement and service:

- Permittable locations for posting business signs
- Livestock and poultry allowed in agricultural zone but not in settlement areas
- Dogs being required to be on leash while on public property except at the two designated dog parks
- Dog owners’ responsibility to pick up after their dogs and to register
- Property owners’ responsibility to clean and maintain their property, and
- Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications related to this report.

Strategic Area:

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
 Prepare for Inclusive Growth Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

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